

Trusting you will ever keep green in you memory the old associations of Samaritan Lodge, and the many hours we have spent so pleasantly together, we ask you to accept this jewel, denoting your rank amongst us, and trust you will value it more as a token of our good-will toward you and yours than for its intrinsic worth. May you ever be actuated by the true principles of our beloved Order, and may you, your esteemed wife and family, be long spared to live together in happiness and comfort, wherever your lot may be cast, is the earnest wish of your brother Odd Fellows, and may we subscribe ourselves, yours in friendship, love and truth.

Signed in behalf
of the Lodge.

(J. M. CUNRY, N.G.,
F. P. LEAKE,
K. T. AGAR,
W. J. BERRY.

Although coming unexpectedly upon him Bro. Ireland acknowledged the token of esteem and good fellowship in a few appropriate words, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and affirming that what he had done had been from a sense of duty, and with the best interests of the Order at heart. Bros. Jas. McIntyre, P. G., W. K. Summer, F. P. Leake, P. G., W. J. Berry, P. G., J. W. Armstrong, P. G., H. Rowland, P. G., and H. W. Green, P. G., each made short addresses warmly testifying to the high esteem in which Bro. Ireland is held both as an Odd Fellow and a citizen, and expressing their regret at his intended departure.

Bro. Ireland, who has been in Chicago for some weeks, has decided to make the Windy City his home, and returned to Ingersoll a few days ago to wind up his affairs here. He has been a resident of our town nearly all his life, and has been a favourite with all whom he came in contact with. Possessing a natural musical ability, he has always been at the head of any movement having for its object the advancement of that art. He has been closely identified with the various bands that have been organized in our town for the past two decades, and was mainly instrumental in the establishment of the present excellent Odd Fellow's band some ten years ago, and, in conjunction with Bro. J. H. Murray, has been its leader and instructor ever since. At social gatherings his services have been in great demand, and were always cheerfully given.

As an Odd Fellow, that same whole-souled enthusiasm which is characteristic of his nature has been manifested ever since his initiation several years ago. He has occupied every position from the lowest to the highest in the gift of the Lodge, and has been the efficient captain of the degree team for several terms, and from which position his removal from Ingersoll has rendered it necessary to resign.

While regretting his departure from our midst we are glad to know that he is improving his position by so doing. Judging from his past record we are confident that Bro. Ireland will work his way to the front in his new home.

BRANTFORD.

BRO. SMITH'S BURIAL.

The funeral of the late Bro. G. S. Smith, for many years superintendent at the Waterous foundry, took place on Wednesday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of citizens anxious to pay a last tribute of respect to one who was universally esteemed. The Oddfellows turned out in a body with Bro. J. Muirhead as marshal, and the Waterous employees were also in attendance, the company having thoughtfully closed the works for the afternoon in order to allow the hands to participate in the obsequies of a fellow-comrade who was always highly thought of by them. Each of the men wore the white badge of the sick benefit association. Rev. Dr. Ross was the officiating minister, and Noble Grand Jennings and Chaplain Finlayson of the I.O.O.F. conducted the beautiful ritual of that Order. The pall-bearers consisted of brother Odd Fellows as follows: A. Cox, R. Park, A. H. Mellish, G. Greenless, J. Page and A. Ball. At the close of the service at the cemetery the Odd Fellows filed past the grave and each dropped in a spray of evergreen, emblematical of eternal life.

Thus was laid to rest a sterling man, and one who at all times and under all circumstances worthily filled the duties of home and citizenship.

Bro. Smith was one of the veterans of Gore Lodge, having passed the quarter of a century mark some two or three years ago.

PRUDENCE LODGE—DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

A meeting of this lodge was held last Friday evening, Noble Grand Sister Pattison in the chair. The weather being very wet, the attendance was rather small. The report of the Grand lodge proceedings was read, and showed the work to be in a flourishing condition. As the new hall is fast approaching completion, we are expecting a rare treat when the opening takes place. The faithful workers of the lodge should be rewarded for their zeal in this work. A large number of members is expected to turn out next meeting night.

GORE LODGE, NO. 34.

Gore Lodge had a short session on Monday night, only routine business being transacted. Bro. R. Walker, of Guelph, was reported as having been kicked by a horse, and Bro. Hagey, of Lynden Lodge, on the sick list. At the close of the meeting word was received of the death of Bro. G. S. Smith, which sad event occurred at his residence on Wellington street about 9.30 p.m.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 115.

The night was fine, the way was pleasant, and a goodly company of pilgrims with three-link pins on their breasts could

be seen wending their way to the Heyd block, opposite the post office, and mounting the stairs, were seen entering the door on the left, which leads to the present hall of Harmony, where Noble Grand Bro. Buck, assisted by his staff of officers, very soon had the lodge opened, and the stream of business flowing smoothly and serene. During the evening the report received from the visiting committee showed that there were still a large number of brothers in the city on the sick list, but none seriously ill and all were convalescent. The brothers are all on tiptoe of excitement about getting into their new hall, which is expected to be fully ready for occupation very early in the new year. Some amusement was caused when the noble grand innocently called on a certain brother who had been absent from several meetings to make a few remarks, and it was observed that the brother very blushing rose to respond; it was also remarked that if there was no rice in his hair and no old shoes in his pocket there was some there very lately, and the brothers in one voice wished Bro. and Mrs. W—— every success in life's journey.

This brother was not alone, however, for Bro. Sovereign, of Waterford Lodge, was called on to give an account of similar doings in which he was playing a prominent part.

Bro. M. Truesdale has again been distinguishing himself as a window-dresser. He has one of the four windows in Mr. Grant's mammoth store very tastily and neatly arranged with Japanese goods, some of them beautifully embroidered in silk. But it is the manner in which they are displayed that makes the whole display so attractive.

The co-operative store has gone out of business and sold the stock, etc., to the present manager. Such was the announcement in the press a few days ago. It looked a very simple paragraph and apparently of little interest, but to many of our brothers in Brantford it had a very significant meaning, as many of them were shareholders in the enterprise and are interested in some cases to quite an amount, the result being that the hard-earned savings of years have disappeared.

HARMONY.

Brantford, Nov. 24th, 1895.

TORONTO: Broadview held its usual meeting on Monday evening, N.G. Pendrith in the chair. A large amount of business was disposed of. Committees reported that arrangements were well on the way for the competition with Wilton Lodge in February; also, for a Church Parade and "At Home" in December. One candidate was initiated in Broadview's usual good style. Competitions in the Ritual are now the order of the day, which keeps up the interest of the members, and everything promises well for a successful winter's work. G. S. L.